

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

FTX TRADING LTD., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

) Chapter 11

) Case No. 22-11068 (JTD)

) (Jointly Administered)

) **Objection Deadline:**

) **April 22, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)**

**SUMMARY OF FIFTEENTH MONTHLY FEE APPLICATION OF
YOUNG CONAWAY STARGATT & TAYLOR, LLP, AS CO-COUNSEL
FOR THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS,
FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES
FOR THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

Name of Applicant:	Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors
Date of Retention:	Order entered February 8, 2023 (Effective as of December 22, 2022) [D.I. 657]
Period for which compensation and reimbursement is sought:	February 1, 2024 through and including February 29, 2024
Amount of Compensation sought as actual, reasonable and necessary:	\$103,143.00
Amount of Expense Reimbursement sought as actual, reasonable and necessary:	\$1,177.23
This is an: <u> X </u> interim <u> </u> final application	

This application includes 4.80 hours and \$3,088.00 in fees incurred in connection with the preparation of Fee Applications.

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Prior applications:

Date Filed / Docket No.	Period Covered	Requested (\$)		Approved (\$)		
		Fees	Expenses	Fees	Expenses	Order Entered
3/2/21 D.I. 766	12/22/22- 12/31/22	\$69,585.50	\$66.20			D.I. 1794
3/16/23 D.I. 1086	1/1/23- 1/31/23	\$249,940.50	\$1,462.30			D.I. 1794
1 st Interim Fee Application ²		\$319,526.00	\$1,528.50	\$308,342.59	\$1,380.01	D.I. 1794
4/17/23 D.I. 1301	2/1/23- 2/28/23	\$286,744.00	\$2,183.44			D.I. 2506
5/31/23 D.I. 1551	3/1/23- 3/31/23	\$202,126.00	\$1,460.59			D.I. 2506
6/12/23 D.I. 1619	4/1/23- 4/30/23	\$95,653.00	\$676.11			D.I. 2506
2 nd Interim Fee Application ³		\$584,523.00	\$4,320.14	\$578,135.85	\$3,216.45	D.I. 2506
7/24/23 D.I. 1899	5/1/23- 5/31/23	\$105,089.50	\$840.80			D.I. 4622
8/28/23 D.I. 2255	6/1/23- 6/30/23	\$138,286.50	\$2,761.96			D.I. 4622
9/13/23 D.I. 2499	7/1/23- 7/31/23	\$148,101.00	\$1,331.09			D.I. 4622
3 rd Interim Fee Application ⁴		\$391,477.00	\$4,933.85	\$380,100.70	\$4,810.15	D.I. 4622
10/30/23 D.I. 3412	8/1/23- 8/31/23	\$150,757.00	\$286.26			D.I. 9706
11/27/23 D.I. 4123	9/1/23- 9/30/23	\$126,889.50	\$721.37			D.I. 9706
12/12/23 D.I. 4653	10/1/23- 10/31/23	\$116,056.00	\$1,120.98			D.I. 9706

² Young Conaway agreed with the Fee Examiner to reduce Young Conaway's fees by \$11,183.41 and expenses by \$148.49.

³ Young Conaway agreed with the Fee Examiner to reduce Young Conaway's fees by \$6,387.15 and expenses by \$1,103.69.

⁴ Young Conaway agreed with the Fee Examiner to reduce Young Conaway's fees by \$11,376.30 and expenses by \$123.70.

4 th Interim Fee Application ⁵		\$393,702.50	\$2,128.61	\$356,247.50	\$2,128.61	D.I. 9706
1/25/24 D.I. 6654	11/1/23- 11/30/23	\$69,503.00	\$292.35	Pending	Pending	
2/21/24 D.I. 7730	12/1/23- 12/31/23	\$80,956.00	\$281.30	Pending	Pending	
3/11/24 D.I. 9059	1/1/24- 1/31/24	\$113,168.50	\$189.90	Pending	Pending	

⁵ Young Conaway agreed with the Fee Examiner to reduce Young Conaway's fees by \$37,455.00. This amount included retroactive adjustments on reserved issues for the second and third interim fee periods.

COMPENSATION BY INDIVIDUAL

Name	Position, Number of Years in that Position, Prior Relevant Experience, Year of Obtaining License to Practice	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Billed Hours	Total Compensation
Matthew B. Lunn	Partner since 2010. Joined firm as an associate in 2001. Member of the DE Bar since 2001 and NY Bar since 2009.	\$1,110.00	25.70	\$28,527.00
Robert F. Poppiti	Partner since 2018. Joined firm as an associate in 2007. Member of the DE Bar since 2007 and NY Bar since 2015.	\$985.00	64.80	\$63,828.00
Jared Kochenash	Joined firm as an associate in 2018. Member of the DE Bar since 2018.	\$630.00	6.50	\$4,095.00
Debbie Laskin	Paralegal	\$385.00	9.30	\$3,580.50
Jorge Martinez	Paralegal	\$375.00	8.30	\$3,112.50
Grand Total:			114.60	\$103,143.00
Blended Rate for All Timekeepers:		\$900		

COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY

Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees
Case Administration (B001)	17.60	\$11,222.50
Court Hearings (B002)	9.00	\$8,927.50
Schedules & Statements, U.S. Trustee Reports (B004)	0.50	\$555.00
Use, Sale or Lease of Property (B006)	9.50	\$9,707.50
Claims Analysis, Objections & Resolutions (B007)	15.80	\$15,788.00
Meetings (B008)	16.00	\$16,785.00
Other Adversary Proceedings (B011)	10.00	\$9,562.50
Plan and Disclosure Statement (B012)	20.40	\$19,278.50
Retention of Professionals / Fee Issues (B017)	10.80	\$8,031.50
Fee Application Preparation (B018)	4.80	\$3,088.00
Voyager Litigation and Claims (BN015)	0.20	\$197.00
TOTALS	114.60	\$103,143.00

EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expenses Category	Total Expenses
Computerized Legal Research	\$35.99
Deposition/Transcript	\$754.65
Docket Retrieval/Search	\$142.00
Working Meals	\$183.19
Reproduction Charges	\$61.40
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$1,177.23

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Pursuant to section 330 and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532 (the “Bankruptcy Code”), and Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the law firm of Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP (hereinafter “Young Conaway”) hereby moves the Court for reasonable compensation for professional legal services rendered as co-counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors appointed in these chapter 11 cases (the “Committee”) in the amount of \$103,143.00, together with reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the amount of \$1,177.23, for the period February 1, 2024 through and including February 29, 2024 (the “Fee Period”). In support of its Application, Young Conaway respectfully represents as follows:

1. Young Conaway was employed to represent the Committee in connection with these chapter 11 cases, pursuant to an order entered by the Court on February 8, 2023 [D.I.

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657] (the “Young Conaway Retention Order”). The Young Conaway Retention Order authorized Young Conaway to be compensated on an hourly basis and to be reimbursed for actual and necessary out-of-pocket expenses.

2. All services for which compensation is requested by Young Conaway were performed for or on behalf of the Committee.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES RENDERED

3. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a detailed statement of fees incurred during the Fee Period, showing the amount of \$103,143.00 due for fees.

4. The services rendered by Young Conaway during the Fee Period are grouped into the categories set forth in **Exhibit A**. The attorneys and paralegals who rendered services relating to each category are identified, along with the number of hours for each individual and the total compensation sought for each category, in **Exhibit A**.

DISBURSEMENTS

5. Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is a detailed statement of expenses paid during the Fee Period, showing the amount of \$1,177.23 for reimbursement of expenses. This disbursement sum is broken down into categories of charges, including, among other things, telephone and telecopier toll and other charges, mail and express mail charges, special or hand delivery charges, document processing, photocopying charges, charges for mailing supplies (including, without limitation, envelopes and labels) provided by the Firm to outside copying services for use in mass mailings, travel expenses, expenses for “working meals,” computerized research, transcription costs, as well as non-ordinary overhead expenses such as secretarial and other overtime. A complete review by category of the expenses incurred for the Fee Period may be found attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. To the extent such itemization is insufficient to satisfy the requirements of Rule 2016-2(e)(ii) of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure for

the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Local Rules”), Young Conaway respectfully requests that the Court waive strict compliance with such Local Rule.

6. Pursuant to Local Rule 2016-2, Young Conaway represents that: (i) its rate for copying charges is \$0.10 per page for black and white copies and \$0.80 per page for color copies; (ii) its rate for outgoing telecopier transmissions is \$0.25 per page (excluding related long distance transmission charges) with no charge for incoming telecopier transmissions; and (iii) there is no surcharge for computerized research.

VALUATION OF SERVICES

7. Attorneys and paraprofessionals of Young Conaway have expended a total of 114.60 hours in connection with this matter during the Fee Period.

8. The amount of time spent by each of these persons providing services to the Committee for the Fee Period is fully set forth in the detail attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The hourly rates set forth therein are Young Conaway’s normal hourly rates of compensation for work of this character. The reasonable value of the services rendered by Young Conaway for the Period as co-counsel for the Committee is \$103,143.00.

9. In accordance with the factors enumerated in section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, the amount requested is fair and reasonable given (i) the complexity of these chapter 11 cases, (ii) the time expended, (iii) the nature and extent of the services rendered, (iv) the value of such services, and (v) the costs of comparable services other than in a case under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. In addition, Young Conaway has reviewed the requirements of Local Rule 2016-2 and believes that this Application complies with the requirements set forth therein.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, Young Conaway requests that allowance be made to it in the sum of \$103,143.00 as compensation for necessary professional services rendered to the Committee for the Fee Period, and the sum of \$1,177.23 for reimbursement of actual necessary costs and expenses incurred during that period, and further requests such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: April 1, 2024
Wilmington, Delaware

YOUNG CONAWAY STARGATT & TAYLOR, LLP

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CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL RULE 2016-2

I, Robert F. Poppiti, Jr., hereby certify as follows:

1. I am a partner in the applicant firm, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP (“Young Conaway”), and have been admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of Delaware since 2007.

2. I have personally performed many of the legal services rendered by Young Conaway, as co-counsel for the Committee, and am generally familiar with all other work performed on behalf of the Committee by the lawyers and paraprofessionals in the firm.

3. The facts set forth in the foregoing Application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. Moreover, I have reviewed the requirements of Rule 2016-2 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware and submit that the Application complies with such requirements.

Dated: April 1, 2024

/s/ Robert F. Poppiti, Jr.
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